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# Amendment to the Claims

This listing of claims will serve to replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

### **Listing of Claims:**

# 1-13. (cancelled)

14. (currently amended) A method of forming a plurality of apertures in a concavely curved domed portion of a vent disc, said plurality of apertures each having a centerline centerlines, which the method comprises comprising:

forming said plurality of apertures with each of said centerlines of said plurality of apertures being coincident to a radius that forms a concave curvature of said domed portion,

forming a portion of each of said plurality of apertures with a slit having a width of about 0.040 to about 0.080 inches,

wherein said plurality of apertures have at least two different diameters through said domed portion,

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wherein said plurality of apertures are resealable, and wherein said domed portion is elastomeric.

- 15. (previously presented) The method of claim 14, further comprising forming a portion of each of said plurality of apertures with a hemispherical shape.
- 16. (currently amended) A method of forming a plurality of perforations in a concavely curved domed portion of a vent disc, which comprises:

forming a plurality of upwardly extending depressions in an undersurface of said domed portion while leaving a residual of said domed portion above said plurality of depressions, said plurality of depressions each having a centerline, each of said centerlines of said plurality of depressions being coincident with a radius that forms a concave curvature of said domed portion; and

forming a plurality of perforations through said residual, said plurality of perforations being resealable and each having a centerline, each of said

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centerlines of said plurality of perforations being formed coincident to a corresponding centerline of one of said plurality of depressions, wherein said perforations that are formed are slits that have a width of about 0.040 to about 0.080 inches, and wherein said domed portion is elastomeric.

- 17. (cancelled)
- 18. (cancelled)
- 19. (currently amended) The method of claim <u>14-18</u>, wherein said slit has a width of about 0.058 to about 0.062 inches.
- 20. (previously presented) The method of claim 19, wherein said slit has a width of about 0.060 inch.
- 21. (withdrawn-currently amended) The method of claim 14-18, wherein said forming step is effected by piercing said domed portion of said vent disc with blades that have an elongated cutting edge formed by angular surfaces.

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22. (withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein said angular surfaces are disposed at an angle of about 40 degrees.

23. (withdrawn) The method of claim 21, wherein said forming step is effected by driving said blades completely through said domed portion of said vent disc.

## 24. (cancelled)

- 25. (currently amended) The method of claim <u>16-24</u>, wherein said slits have a width of about 0.058 to about 0.062 inch.
- 26. (previously presented) The method of claim 25, wherein said slits have a width about 0.060 inch.
- 27. (withdrawn-currently amended) The method of claim 16-24, wherein said forming step is effected by piercing said domed portion of said vent disc with blades that have an elongated cutting edge formed by angular surfaces.

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28. (withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein said angular surfaces are disposed at an angle of about 40 degrees.

29. (withdrawn) The method of claim 27, wherein said forming step is effected by driving said blades completely through said residual of said domed portion of said vent disc.

30-40. (cancelled)